RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE USE OF PHOSPHORUS-FREE FERTILIZERS AND DETERGENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

WHEREAS, ponds, lakes, rivers and waterways are natural assets that enhance the environmental, recreational, cultural and economic resources of the Village of Barrington and contribute to the general health and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the placement of fertilizer containing phosphorus upon lawns results in surface water runoff carrying phosphorus into ponds, lakes, rivers and waterways in the Village of Barrington; and

WHEREAS, the use of household detergents containing phosphorus, in the form of a phosphate, results in high levels of phosphates in fresh water bodies as the result of contamination from municipal and domestic wastewater that contains phosphates; and

WHEREAS, the increase in phosphorus concentration in ponds, lakes, rivers and waterways results in an increase in the rate of growth and volume of undesirable biological growth in ponds, lakes, rivers and streams; and

WHEREAS, such increased biological growth has an adverse effect upon the water and habitat quality; and

WHEREAS, a significant source of phosphorus content in surface water runoff is directly related to the fertilizer used in residential and commercial applications; and

WHEREAS, another significant source of phosphorus content in wastewater is directly related to detergents used in household applications; and

WHEREAS, limiting the amount of nutrients and contaminants, including phosphorus contained in fertilizer, entering ponds, lakes, rivers and waterways will improve and maintain water and habitat quality; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Barrington desire to encourage the use of phosphorus-free fertilizer and detergents to limit the concentration of phosphorus in ponds, lakes, rivers and waterways, all in the interest of public health, safety and welfare;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The Corporate Authorities of the Village find that the facts set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct.

SECTION 2: The Corporate Authorities of the Village hereby express the unconditional and unqualified support for the use of phosphorous-free fertilizers and detergents in the Village of Barrington.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED THIS / DAY OF May , 2009, BY ROLL CALL VOTE
AS FOLLOWS:
AYES Swetter Research Sant, Delay, Miller, Materia, Unheren
NAYES: NAU
ABSENT: WWW
ABSTAIN: WWW
APPROVED THIS
ATTESTED AND FILED THIS
Adam Frazier, Village Clerk